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President George W. Bush
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

We the undersigned call on you to repeal the tax breaks and subsidies given to the oil and gas industry in H.R. 6, the Energy Policy Act of 2005. We ask that this money be used to fund vital research and implementation of renewable, alternative energy.

American consumers and families have been struggling with high energy costs for months on end. Meanwhile, the oil and gas industry has seen their profits rise to the highest levels experienced by any industry in the history of the world. The supposed rationale behind the oil and gas industry tax breaks contained in H.R. 6 was that they would lower energy costs for the American people. Instead, we have seen just the opposite--energy prices that have risen to historically high levels. These elevated prices act as a tax on our economy, penalize hard-working Americans and threaten our prosperity.

Tremendous advances have been made in the past decade in the field of alternative energy. This burgeoning industry is estimated to be a multi-trillion dollar industry that would create millions of new American jobs. In addition, many of these technologies are completely renewable, environmentally friendly and domestically produced. These new technologies offer the promise of cheap, clean, abundant energy for future generations. However, there is still much that needs to be done to bring these technologies to the consumer, and adequate government funding plays an important role.

I, along with many of my constituents, call on you to roll back the tax breaks and subsidies for the exorbitantly wealthy oil industry and put the money into alternative energy programs for the benefit of all Americans, not just the shareholders of big oil companies.

Sincerely,



Russ Carnahan
Member of Congress